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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application prior to examination thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A marked-up version of the amended specification paragraph, reflecting the amendment below, is attached as Appendix A. Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, and ending on page 1, line 6, as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

a' The present application is a continuation of the U.S. National Stage designation of co-pending International Patent Application PCT/CH00/00346, filed June 26, 2000, the entire content of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference thereto.
